

RAILROAD TO OREGON.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

RELATIVE TO

Asa Whitney's plan for the construction of a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean.

MARCH 13, 1848.

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Whereas the construction of a railroad across the continent of North America would make the United States the great highway between Europe and the populous and wealthy empires of Asia; would greatly facilitate our own intercourse with those regions; would consolidate the interests of our Union; would connect Oregon and the Pacific coast with the Atlantic, and would give a fresh impetus to our great agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests: and whereas this stupendous work can be accomplished by an appropriation and sale of the public lands, which would constitute a fund applicable for defraying the expenses of the undertaking, as a small part of them would furnish the means, and the value of the remainder would be greatly enhanced thereby: and whereas the plan of Mr. Asa Whitney, of New York, in its outlines, is in our opinion the only practicable scheme for the accomplishment of this great undertaking, which should be commenced without delay: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That we approve of Mr. Whitney's plan of constructing a railroad from lake Michigan to the Pacific ocean, from an appropriation and sale of the public lands on its line; connecting the sale and settlement of the lands with the building of the road; making it an individual enterprise, still under the control of Congress; and we earnestly recommend the measure and the adoption of his plan to the early and favorable consideration and action of Congress.

2. *Resolved,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested to give this measure their prompt attention and support.

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3. *Resolved*, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this preamble and resolutions to each of our Senators and members of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

WILLIAM F. PACKER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. WILLIAMSON,
Speaker of the Senate.

Adopted in the Senate, March 2, 1848.

SAMUEL W. PEARSON, *Clerk.*

Adopted in the House of Representatives, March 3, 1848.

WM. JACK, *Clerk.*